



FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 14, 1906.

EMPEROR WILLIAM of Germany has dissolved the Reichstag because that body has refused to obey him, and new elections have been ordered. The clericals, socialists, Poles and one wing of the radicals voted against the government's military plans for Southwest Africa. The Chancellor declares that the government will never yield any of its demands for troops in German Southwest Africa and a hot campaign is promised in January. Emperor William from the time he was crowned has made it plain to the fatherland as well as to the world at large that he intends to be king in every sense. Prince Bismarck was sidetracked as soon as William reached the throne, since which time the latter has manifested every instinct of an autocrat. The dissolution of the Reichstag is a bold movement, and is sure to cause a crisis in Germany. Possibly the king will be sustained by a popular vote, but should the returns affirm the action of the Reichstag he will receive a setback from which he will be long in recovering. The military laws of Prussia were never popular with the masses, and Germans who have become naturalized in this country realize that in being exempt from serving years as soldiers they have opportunities to engage in business and accumulate wealth. Europe has long been an armed camp, and the fact that in most countries all males are compelled to serve years in the army has been the cause of chronic protests.

A DISPATCH from New York announces the suspension of the Daily News of that city after a career stretching over half a century. The Evening News was for many years the most extensively circulated newspaper in New York, and while in charge of the Woods was one of the most esteemed. It never reached the proportions of the other daily newspapers of the metropolis, but contained all the news in a condensed and readable form, and was intended for a large class of people who have neither the time nor inclination to ponder over the many pages which in this day compose most of the journals of the larger cities. The conservatism of the paper also appealed to what was at that time the majority of readers. But times have changed and people have changed with them. The sober and thoughtful readers are now in the minority, the larger number of those who purchase newspapers having developed an appetite for the sensational; hence comic supplements, pictures of actresses and other illustrations appeal to the masses more than sober productions. The day of solid reading is among the things of the past. The printing press is a blessing in some respects, but in this era of cheap publications the world is kept flooded with flimsy literature, and but few read standard books or conservative newspapers.

With two famines raging in Europe and Asia, one in the Russian interior and the other in the Chinese central province, the American branch of the Red Cross is considering the manner of appeal which will be made to this country in case it is deemed wise to furnish assistance. Some of the officers of the Red Cross believe that if aid is furnished, the sending of ship loads of corn and other food materials would be more substantial remembrance to the starving millions than a collection of cash such as was sent to Japan some months ago. It is pointed out that the tremendous corn crop in the west this year would justify the sending of a considerable quantity of the staple. Some cash contributions would be necessary if this plan were adopted to defray charter fees for steamships, but the amounts would be comparatively small. A dispatch from St. Petersburg in another column shows the terrible conditions now prevailing in portions of the Russian empire. Men have become brutes while enduring the pangs of hunger. Famines are unknown in this country, and blessed with full and plenty as it is, there will doubtless be generous contributions from our people.

THE PITTSBURG, Pa., Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution calling upon the newspapers of that city to cease printing accounts of divorce trials, and demanding that the judges of the county courts do their utmost to suppress the facts. This is believed by many to be a movement in the proper direction, as newspapers are often debauched by printing the evidence in the cases referred to. Years ago there was a divorce case in London in which men and women of noble birth were interested. The evidence was so disgusting that many papers in this country refused to print it.

ANTONIO CESSIMANO, of Irvington, N. Y., complained of a pain in the chest and a doctor told him to take a porot plaster. Antonio bought one and ate it. Antonio cannot pronounce his last name today, but, it is believed, he is out of danger.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, Dec. 14. Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw was today heard by the House committee on banking and currency in advocacy of the elastic currency proposition. The proposition he characterized as a "a butter-a safety valve" badly needed in the country's finances. As he believed, however, a tax of 5 or 6 per cent should be charged by the banks on all currency issued by the government in lieu of the low tax proposed in the American bankers' plan. The great growth of our industry and our prosperity is our danger in a financial way, he explained, and therefore he counseled the committee that an elastic currency was an imperative necessity. "When we pray," he added with a twinkle in his eye, "we only need to ask God to protect from increased prosperity." He then explained that with an elastic currency prosperity couldn't come too fast. In his annual report just made public Rear-Admiral N. E. Mason, Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department, greatly deprecates the demand for armor plate at present is so small that there is a prospect of two of the three big armor manufacturers discontinuing its manufacture. An urgent recommendation is made by Admiral Mason that authority be granted for the adoption by the navy of the latest type of rifle, now in use by the army. He calls attention to the fact that the navy is still purchasing a type of small arm abandoned by the army. He reports the powder supply for the navy as satisfactory, and declares that numerous improvements have been made during the past year in the quality and form of the powder.

President Roosevelt is not at all discontent over the knocking of simplified spelling in Congress and is taking the jokes of his friends on the subject in good part. He has known for some time that the legislative branch of the government would "turn down" spelling reform just as soon as it could get a whack at it, so when the blow fell he did not even stagger a little bit. As a recent letter from the White House shows, the President still knows how to write very vigorously in the old style orthography so his return to the spelling of our days will not put him to any inconvenience whatever.

Representative Garrett (Democrat), of Tennessee, today introduced a bill in the House amending the railroad rate bill so as to permit newspapers to enter into contract with common carriers for advertising and to receive payment in transportation. Representatives of capital and labor today were heard by the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce on the measure directing the President to appoint commissions to inquire into strikes and labor disputes.

Attorney General Moody announced after Cabinet meeting today, that he would qualify as associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States next Monday and that the changes contingent upon the retirement from the Cabinet would take place at the same time. Minister Graves sent a despatch to the State Department today from Stockholm, stating that the latest bulletin by the physicians attending King Oscar of Sweden report the patient's condition rather better. His temperature is 101.4, he sleeps easily and his appetite continues good.

The ship subsidy fight, by agreement today of the republican members of the House committee on merchant marine and fisheries, goes over until January 7, when a decisive vote is to be had in the committee. This action was taken when it was intimated that President Roosevelt will take a hand in the fight and will send a message to Congress immediately after the Christmas recess favoring the subsidy and demanding it as the one great achievement of the short session of Congress.

Senator Overman and Representative Patterson of North Carolina and Representative James S. Sherman called at the White House this morning to ask the President to attend the exercises at the celebration of the anniversary of the fall of Fort Fisher, on January 15th. The President said that he would like "mighty well" to attend, but public business would prevent.

Senator Martin has presented a petition of sundry citizens of Richmond, Va., praying for the enactment of legislation to restrict immigration. Senator Martin has also introduced the following bills, which were referred to the committee on claims: a bill for the relief of the trustees of the Union Presbyterian Church, of Cross Keys, Va.; for the relief of the trustees of the Baptist Church of Falls Church, for the relief of the trustees of Tabernacle Methodist Episcopal Church, of Culpeper county, for the relief of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Culpeper; for the relief of the trustees of Providence Church, of Culpeper county, and to remove from the estate of William J. Cussen, deceased, and from any real estate alleged by him during his lifetime, a cloud resting on the same by reason of a state judgment of the United States of America, which was read twice by its title, and with the accompanying papers referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. J. G. Hiden today presented in the House in Mr. Rixey's name the petition of the heirs of Brigadier General Daniel Ruggles, C. S. A., asking that their claim for reimbursement for property taken from General Ruggles in violation of the terms of surrender be referred to the court of claims for a finding of the facts; also a bill asking an increase of pension for Frank Schadler, of Middleburg, Loudoun county, a union veteran, who served in Co. D, 4th N. Y. regiment, and later in the U. S. navy in the war between the States. He was severely wounded at Antietam.

The government price for silver is steadily declining. The director of the mint today brought 100,000 ounces at \$8.763 cents an ounce for delivery at Denver, half a cent lower than the last purchase. It was officially announced at the White House this afternoon that Congress should pass the resolution disapproving simplified spelling, the President would at once issue an executive order discontinuing it in the printing of public documents. He would, however, still use it in his personal and private correspondence.

News of the Day.

The condition of the Shah of Persia took a decided turn for the worse yesterday. He lost consciousness at an early hour and at 7:20 p. m. was still unconscious. His majesty's condition is now regarded as being more critical than at any time since his illness became really serious.

As a result of Bishop O'Connell's mission to Japan, the Vatican will shortly establish a Catholic University at Tokyo. It will be controlled by Jesuits of the American province. The appointment of an apostolic delegate to Japan is imminent. It is said that he will be an American prelate.

A throng of hundreds, horror-stricken but powerless to aid, watched Mat Krueger, a fireman for the Commonwealth Electric Company, slowly burn to death in midair, in the heart of the south side business district of Chicago late yesterday afternoon. The unfortunate man had taken hold of a live wire.

Mrs. Amelia Fosson, thirty years old, living on South Dakota avenue, Woodridge, near Washington, met a tragic death last night, while at the home of her mother, Mrs. George J. Freitag, of Langdon, D. C., by swallowing a quantity of carbolic acid from a bottle which she supposed contained brandy.

Prof. Henry Fairfield Osborn, of Columbia University, is unable to accept the position of Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to which he was elected at a meeting of the board of regents, December 4. Prof. Osborn writes his decision, which will be read to the board at its annual meeting, January 23.

It is officially stated in London that no definite determination has yet been reached concerning the appointment of an ambassador at Washington to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand, but the revival of James Bryce's name as likely tenant of the post meets with much more general credence than when it was first mooted.

Considerable alarm was occasioned the Swedish people yesterday by a statement that King Oscar was seriously ill, that all the members of the royal family had assembled at the palace at Stockholm, and that the crown prince Gustavus Adolphus had been summoned hurriedly from Berlin. The king is suffering from heart trouble.

It has developed in Richmond that four of the republican candidates in the last congressional election in Virginia—Hughes, of Norfolk; Hanson, of Richmond; Beecher, of Albemarle, and Henderson, of Alexandria—are liable to the penalty of the Barkdale pure election law for not filing accounts of their election expenses. The maximum punishment is a fine of \$5,000.

The Italian Mafia Society, which has transferred its operations from Italy to New York city, and which, under the guise of the "Black Hand," has seven murders in three days directly chargeable to it, attempted to wreck a crowded trolley at 502 First avenue shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning, but the result that twenty persons were hurt but, fortunately, none seriously.

The possibility of Congressman W. A. Jones coming out as a candidate for the democratic nomination for Governor of Virginia is being discussed by many of his friends. It is said that Commonwealth's Attorney Joseph W. Chinn, Jr., of Richmond county, will oppose Judge T. R. B. Wright, of Tappahannock, for judge of the Twelfth judicial circuit before the next legislature.

Two trainmen were killed, one was fatally injured, and three passengers were hurt last night, when a fast freight train crashed into the rear of a west-bound passenger train on the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad. The passenger train had stopped to take water, and a flagman was sent back to signal following trains, but owing to a dense fog the engineer of the freight did not see the signal.

The President has abandoned simplified spelling in official documents. An executive order, to be issued today probably, will restore the old condition of affairs. At a conference at the White House yesterday afternoon, Mr. Roosevelt informed Representative Landis, chairman of the House committee on printing, that he would issue an order revoking his previous order regarding simplified spelling if the House should place itself on record as in favor of the old spelling for executive documents.

Virginia News.

Mrs. Jane E. Swain, aged 86 years, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. G. B. Powell, at Falls Church, Wednesday night.

William H. White, the Norfolk lawyer, to whom has been offered the presidency of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, is still uncertain whether or not he will accept the position. It is the belief in railway circles that he will ultimately accept.

The Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company has been awarded a contract by the Isthmian Canal Commission for the construction of two steel suction dredges to be used in the building of the Panama canal. The vessels will cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000 each.

Jesse Silverthorn and his son, Carroll, of Aurora, N. C., were frozen to death while clinging to the bottom of their sloop, which was capsized by a gale in Pamlico sound Tuesday morning. The bodies were found by the Philadelphia tug Providence and carried to Washington, N. C.

The postoffice and general merchandise store of James E. Walter, at Linden, Warren county, was entered by burglars early yesterday morning and several hundred dollars stolen. The safe was blown open with dynamite. Before the people in the neighborhood was awakened the robbers made their escape.

The coroner's investigation of the wreck on the Southern at Danville, on the morning of the 8th of December, was held in Danville yesterday. Commissioner H. C. Stuart was present, representing the Corporation Commission. The coroner's jury returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, find George C. Kieny and W. B. King came to their death in the Danville yards of the Southern Railway, caused by passenger train No. 34 colliding with rear end of freight train No. 82, and also caused by incompetent employees of the Southern Railway Company, or carelessness on the part of the management of the Southern Railway system somewhere."

Cardinal Gibbons gave out a statement in Baltimore last night in which he strongly denounced the movement against the Catholic Church in France by the French government. He says that the treatment of the bishops, priests and nuns in that country is an outrage.

The Cardinal has taken a keen interest in the difficulties for some time, and not long since he sent a message of sympathy to the French Catholics, through Cardinal Richard, and in return the latter transmitted to Cardinal Gibbons a letter which expressed the respectful and affectionate gratitude of the French Catholics for sympathies in the midst of their sad experience.

Cardinal Gibbons in his statement reviews the situation and the matters which have caused the present crisis, and says: "I am weighing my words and I say with deliberate conviction that the leaders of the present French government are actuated by nothing less than hatred of religion. It is not separation alone, therefore, that the Holy Father is repudiating, but tyranny in the guise of separation."

"Perhaps the feature of the situation that will surprise us most and call for our just indignation as Americans is the French government's absolute disregard for the property rights of the church. She has been despoiled of the salaries granted to the ministers of religion as a compensation for the funds which the church relinquished under that express condition. In addition, the law of separation entirely ignores the constitution and laws of the church—a situation which has no parallel in our American method of keeping church and State separate. Should the church accept the present law she has before her the very likely prospect of gradual extinction by due process of law. If the separation of church and State in France meant just what it means in the United States there would have been no such hue and cry raised against it. France has treated her noblest citizens with injustice and inhumanity, and America, which has sympathy for the oppressed of all nations, has raised no protest nor uttered a word of sympathy. Our own press has been to a considerable extent the reflex of the Parisian anti-clerical press. I have too much confidence in God and his protection of the church not to feel encouraged to look for a renewal of faith and religion in France. We need only to leave it to an impartial and liberty-loving people to decide which party is responsible for the present miserable condition."

School Book Investigation. The schoolbook investigating committee in Richmond yesterday morning continued the investigation regarding the prices of school books in Virginia as compared with the prices paid for the same books by other States. Capt. John T. West, of Norfolk county, who was examined Wednesday, was recalled and re-examined.

The investigation thus far has shown that Virginia is paying more for school books than any other State in the Union with the exception of Utah and Montana. Mr. Bowles, of Staunton, testified that the change in the list of books would cost the State \$100,000 the first year. Upon being asked why the board had continually changed books within recent years, he said he considered the changes were wise. Mr. Bowles said that the question of economy had been considered.

Chairman Byrd declares that Virginia is paying \$250,000 too much for her books. It was shown that Virginia and North Carolina use a similar geography, Virginia paying \$1.15 for the book and North Carolina paying 88 cents.

Dr. Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia, and Hon. A. J. Montague, former governor of Virginia, were at a examination.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every copy of certain articles that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free. P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Today's Telegraphic News

The Transfer of Ambassador White. Rome, Dec. 14.—Embassy of the Italian government and the hostility of society leaders, aroused in his effort to uphold the parity of American womanhood, were directly responsible for the transfer of Ambassador Henry White from Rome to the French embassy, according to a story now circulating here. Mr. White declined to admit several notorious women in Rome society to the embassy. This is said to have led to complications which made him persona non grata with the Italian government, according to the Italian custom, the court marshal submitted to the new Ambassador a list of persons the government desired invited to the receptions at the embassy. On this list was the "Princess N." who, although she has not been separated from her husband, is said to be the Italian counterpart of the Princess Chimay. Mr. White hitherto pencilled her name and returned the list with the intimation that he did not want such a woman to meet his wife and daughter. This incident caused a great furor. Great pressure was brought to bear on the ambassador to change his decision, but he remained firm. Several other similar instances occurred leading Roman society to practically boycott the American embassy. By transferring Ambassador White from Rome to the more important post in Paris, President Roosevelt is regarded here as having only emphasized Mr. White's blow at Chimayism, and there is considerable feeling in Rome on the subject.

Entering Separation Law. Paris, Dec. 14.—Measures for enforcing the separation law were considered by the council of ministers today without a decision being reached. The cabinet after discussion compromised by allowing the Catholics to benefit by the 1901 law authorizing societies of a non-political character to hold religious services. To offset this suggested means of compromise the ministers advocated rigorous application for the liquidation of church property including the bishoprics and rectories.

Another Spill in Six-Day Race. New York, Dec. 14.—Eight riders and a woman spectator were hurt in a spill this morning in the six-day race. The contest was stopped for an hour. Vanderstuf was hurled from his wheel into a box, his head striking against the rail and his body striking a woman. Seven other riders rolled down the steep embankment. The box rail was smashed by Vanderstuf's head. Both the rider and woman were picked up unconscious. Vanderstuf was found to have a badly cut head. He joined the races later.

Mrs. Gillette Calls Upon Her Son. Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The mother of Chester Gillette, awaiting execution for the murder of Grace Brown, called upon her son in prison today. Mrs. Gillette arrived here last night but was not permitted to see Gillette until today. Mrs. Gillette says she will stay here until her son is free. Hazel Gillette, sister of Chester, will arrive here tomorrow.

Secured Control of the Big Greene Mine. New York, Dec. 14.—The Amalgamated Copper Company has secured control of the big Greene Consolidated Copper Company of Mexico. The deal will be announced later today. With the copper trust in control of the Greene mine, the production of copper is in virtual control of the Rockefeller and Rogers interests in this country.

Will Issue Preferred Stock. New York, Dec. 14.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad will issue \$75,000,000 of preferred stock to its stockholders at par, according to a well informed interest in Wall street. The stock will provide a rich melon for St. Paul stockholders. It is understood the stock will be issued between now and the first of the year.

Long Ride. Annapolis, Md., Dec. 14.—Frank Macbeth, of Pottsville, Pa., who will visit every state capital on horseback, to win a \$20,000 wager, left here today after calling upon Governor Warfield. He will visit Washington, today, and call upon President Roosevelt. Mr. Macbeth leaves for a tour of the southern States tomorrow.

Vigilance Committees in New York. New York, Dec. 14.—Vigilance committees in a suburb of New York are a trifle odd to say the least, but they are actually being maintained. Recently burglars became so bold as to create a reign of terror in the Bronx. Last night a volunteer force took the field, the members promising to do what the police were failed to do about the second story windows and jimmy artists. A half hundred of the amateur cops were on duty last night and today are chafing over the fact that not a single burglar was reported last night.

To Hold Post Mortem Examination. New York, Dec. 14.—Coroner Arcioli will hold a post mortem examination today on the bodies of the Rev. Father Charles E. Quinn, the Catholic priest of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., and the woman, who were found dead in a room on East Eighteenth street, last night. Every indication to lay suspicion on the theory that the couple committed suicide. Michael Kelly claimed the body of the woman early today. He said she was Bridget Kelly, his sister.

Entombed Miner. Bakersfield, Cal., Nov. 4.—L. B. Hicks, the miner buried under a feet of debris, is today near collapse under the strain of the long confinement and his cramped position. It now seems that Hicks cannot possibly be dug out until Sunday, as the rescuers still have forty feet to go. The man is lying on his side stretched out beside a car and almost under its wheels. He is unable to move.

Deadly Serpent Bites. As is common in India as far as the stomach and liver disorders with us. For the latter however there is a sure remedy: Electric Bitters, the great restorative medicine, of which Dr. A. C. Brown, of Benningville, S. C. says: "They restored my wife to perfect health, after years of suffering with dyspepsia and a chronic typhoid fever." Electric Bitters cures cholera and fever, malaria, biliousness, cramps, kidney troubles and bladder disorders. Sold on guarantee by E. S. Leshner & Sons, druggists, Price 50c.

IN MEMORIAM. In loving remembrance of EDWARD ROSE, who departed this life one year ago today. A precious one from us has gone, The voice we loved is still; A place is vacant in our hearts That never can be filled. BY HIS SISTERS AND BROTHER, Dearest Edward, thou has left us, We thy loss most sorely feel; But 'tis God that hath so graciously He will all our sorrows heal. BY HIS FATHER AND MOTHER.

Accident to General Nogi. Tokio, Dec. 14.—General Nogi, the hero of Port Arthur, is at his home today in a serious condition, from injuries received by being thrown from his horse. It is feared he is fatally hurt.

Cascadesweet, the ideal medicine for the little ones. Contains no opiates. Conforms fully with National Pure Food and Drug Law. Write E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago, Ill., for the "Baby Book." Sold by W. F. Crighton & Co., 401 King street.

DRY GOODS.

Lansburgh & Bro. Washington's Favorite Store. In the Matter of Practical Gift Giving Give a Dress Pattern or Two. 75c Habit Cloth, 55c. 52 inch All-wool Habit Cloth, in solid colors and mixtures. Special, per yard, 55c. \$3 Broadcloth, \$2.18. \$3.00 Black Chiffon "roadcloth" that is already sponged and shrunk; made in Belgium; 56 inches wide. Per yard, \$2.48. \$4 Dress Patterns for \$2.98. Dress Lengths of 45-inch All-wool Pattern and Sun's Veiling, 3 yards to the pattern. Worth \$4.00. Entire pattern, \$2.98. \$6 Dress Patterns for \$3.05. Dress Lengths of All-wool French Crepe, 3 yards to the pattern. These are worth fully \$6.00. Entire pattern for \$3.05. Venetian Cloth, 49c. All-wool Venetian Cloth, in all the wanted shades you may ask for, including two beautiful blacks. Special, per yard, 49c. \$1.25 Black Voile, 98c. All-wool Imported Voile, in black, with a good, crisp finish; actual value, \$1.25. Special, per yard, 98c. \$1.25 Broadcloth, 98c. 52-inch All-wool Broadcloth, in every shade you may ask for, including two beautiful blacks. Special, per yard, 98c.

Lansburgh & Bro., 420 to 426 Seventh Street, 417 to 425 Eighth Street, WASHINGTON, D. C. Fifty-ninth Congress. Washington, Dec. 14. SENATE. The Senate was not in session today, having adjourned yesterday until Monday. HOUSE. After the House today finished the reading of the legislative appropriation bill, Representative Littauer (Republican), New York, introduced an amendment that the salaries of the Vice President and of the Speaker of the House be increased from \$8,000 to \$12,000. Hoping to finish today the legislative appropriation bill, the House immediately after meeting today went into committee of the whole to further consider this bill. By a rising vote of 204 to 60, members of the Cabinet were then voted a \$12,000 salary from March 4 next. Mr. Webber, of Ohio, was the only opposing republican. Again the opposition failed to secure a record vote. Advocating the proposition, Representative Littauer, of New York, said that a baseball president was worth \$15,000 a year, therefore a Cabinet member was worth \$12,000.

The "final" amendment an increase of \$2,500 yearly in the messensalary—was then offered by Mr. Littauer. The increase does away with the present mileage system—20 cents for each mile traveled by members to and from Washington—and allows only actual traveling expenses. A dispute arose as to the time the increase should go into effect. A half hour's debate was then indulged in to settle the question. By a rising vote of 214 to 51, the House agreed to an amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill increasing the salary of Vice President and Speaker of the House to \$12,000 a year, beginning March 4 next. Two republicans, Lucey of Iowa and Webber of Ohio, voted with 49 democrats in opposition. The minority on the proposition were insufficient in numbers to secure a record vote.

Tumble in Northern Pacific. While circulars offering to Northern Pacific stockholders rights to subscribe at par for \$93,000,000 new capital stock were in the hands of the printer in New York yesterday, Northern Pacific stock tumbled as it has not tumbled since May, 1901. Great Northern, its companion in the Great Northwest melon issue, also went over the rapid, Northern Pacific closed at 207 1/2, a net loss of 11 1/2 points for the day. Great Northern, which closed at 209, sustained an even harder fall, with a net loss of 14 1/2 points for the day, and an even 21 for two days. Great Northern rights fell heavily in the almost panicky break in the major issues.

In the trading prior to the last hour a score of stories were circulated, some explaining, some tending to accelerate the decline. The break of the last hour was to the accompaniment of a dispatch from St. Paul stating that the Attorney General of Minnesota held the proposed increase of \$60,000,000 in Great Northern stock to be invalid without the State's consent to it.

Southern's Vice President. President Finley, of the Southern Railway, went to New York yesterday. He will be gone several days, and the impression prevails in railroad circles that when he comes back the new second vice president of the road will have been decided upon, subject to the ratification of the board of directors.

Third Vice President J. M. Culp is most spoken of as President Finley's successor, but it is said that several men not now connected with the road are being considered. It is said the selection of the second vice president will be influenced mainly by J. P. Morgan. Rumor has it that Mr. Morgan had the president of another railroad system in view for the Southern's new executive, who is regarded as one of the railroad men of the country closest to the great financier.

The body of ex-Senator Brown, left Washington on the Pennsylvania road at 12:01 this afternoon accompanied by his son and daughter, en route to Utah, where the burial will take place.

Mrs. Catarina Uzzo died last night at the Delaware Hospital, at Wilmington, Del., as a result of being shot by her husband on Saturday night last in their bedroom.

An engineer and brakeman were killed and ten passengers were injured in a collision at Hopkins Point, one and a half miles from the Nickel Plate night.

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